

**Mise Park Sports Field Renovation  
Responses to Feedback from 10/26/11 Community Meeting**

<b>Sports Field Renovation Feedback</b>	<b>PRNS Response</b>
<p>1. Gang Activity and Graffiti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider lighting in back corner near the 280 wall.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The parking lot has been relocated to the 280 wall. Lighting and increased activity will help minimize undesirable activities.</p>
<p>2. Traffic specific feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to address Mitty traffic</li> <li>Police have been unresponsive</li> <li>Buses from Mitty use Westdale as a turn-around</li> <li>Need traffic review to be during school hours</li> <li>Why doesn't Mitty build a 3 story parking lot? Will there be lobbying for more parking?</li> <li>Parking lot eliminated at Mitty has impacted neighborhood</li> <li>Would like 2-3 hour limit at Park Meadow Drive</li> </ul>	<p>2. Parking and traffic concerns related to Archbishop Mitty High School have been forwarded to the City's Department of Transportation (DOT). PRNS will coordinate with DOT.</p>
<p>3. Specific Feedback regarding Mitty &amp; Community relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern with Church and State violations</li> <li>Missed out on having a skate park because Mitty shot it down</li> <li>D1 Leadership group concerned about Mitty not being a good neighbor</li> <li>Mitty has been here a long time and all schools have commuters. Look at big picture and not just your own self-interest.</li> <li>No amount of lipstick can conceal the fact that this is a special deal with Mitty.</li> <li>It's a bad idea for Mitty to maintain the park because they may keep people out of the park.</li> <li>Mitty should provide free community use of its facilities</li> <li>Address in agreement that Mitty should pay for any turf repair</li> </ul>	<p>3. The City has entered into 8 similar agreements with Little Leagues and other School Districts. These other agreements have been beneficial to City residents and have lowered the City's expenses. Thus the City approached Mitty about a cooperative agreement.</p> <p>Mitty will pay the City established rate for field usage and parking spaces. In addition, Mitty will maintain the grounds at Mise Park (excluding restroom and playground) for 25 years and spend up to \$300,000 toward the construction costs. This will allow the City to build a full size soccer field to benefit all city residents.</p>

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<p>4. New Parking Lot Will Increase Congestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exiting from John Mise Court to Moorpark is very difficult now and will only get worse with additional parking spaces</li> <li>• Why not put parking on back wall with lights?</li> </ul>	<p>4. The revised layout now shows the parking lot against the Highway 280 wall. As mentioned in response #1, the parking lot will be lit to discourage illegal activities.</p> <p>Sports field usage is anticipated to increase slightly but several factors will minimize traffic congestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) There will be sufficient breaks between reservations to reduce overlapping between teams arriving and teams exiting.</li> <li>(b) The sports fields are already used during the prime hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. That means that any additional traffic will only occur outside those hours.</li> <li>(c) PRNS will coordinate with DOT to investigate the need for traffic changes to the John Mise Court and Moorpark intersection.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Natural Turf More Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern with loss of grass and use of artificial turf</li> <li>• Keep it a park. Beauty of the park is open space and grass without obstructions. Majority in room like park the way it is.</li> <li>• Why does the community have to subsidize sports fields?</li> </ul> <p>6. Artificial Turf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will dog feces biodegrade on artificial turf?</li> <li>• Artificial turf saves water</li> <li>• People are running away from using artificial turf</li> <li>• Injuries on artificial turf are a problem</li> <li>• Heat from artificial turf a problem</li> <li>• Artificial turf is more desirable for soccer players. The current condition of Mise fields is inadequate for play and can only be used for practice.</li> </ul>	<p>5 and 6. San Jose has one of the lowest ratios of sports fields per population of any large city. Three-acre plots are not readily available and the cost is prohibitive. A City and community-based committee determined, among other things, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) There is a shortage of sports fields to meet the diversity of needs; and</li> <li>(b) Sports fields are not designed and maintained to support the current level of use.</li> </ul> <p>As a result, the #1 recommendation in their 2008 Community Sports Fields Study was to “work with potential partners (schools, water district, for and non-profit organizations) to identify new opportunities for shared development and joint use.”</p> <p>The long-term recommendation was to “convert one existing diamond and one rectangular field per planning area to ‘high use field.’ Ensure there is at least one premiere field per planning area and that premiere fields are geographically dispersed across the City.”</p>

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<p>7. Noise Levels on Cherry Thorn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving the soccer field into the softball field increases noise in Cherry Thorn area</li> <li>• Loud spectators and more traffic increase noise levels</li> </ul>	<p>7. In order to put the parking lot against the 280 wall, the soccer field will be moving back towards its existing location. Noise makers and amplified sound are prohibited in all sports facilities and sports team organizers are responsible for managing team and fan behavior. If a team is unruly, please report the problem to Sports Reservations staff at 794-6400.</p>
<p>8. Fencing Around Sports Fields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want lower fence (2 feet) or no fence</li> <li>• Seat wall will be a target for graffiti</li> </ul>	<p>8. In order to prevent vehicles from driving onto the sports field, low fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the field with multiple openings for pedestrian access. While the majority of the fencing is proposed to be 4 feet in height, higher fencing will be placed behind the softball backstop and portions of the endlines of the soccer field for safety purposes.</p>
<p>9. Miscellaneous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will there be lights on sidewalk, parking lot or restroom?</li> <li>• Trees should not be removed</li> <li>• If project comes to fruition, put in more garbage cans</li> </ul>	<p>9. Yes; there will be low level lights on the sidewalk and parking lot. Additional lighting is not needed at the restroom. Although some trees will be removed, they will be replaced on-site per City codes. Additional garbage cans will be provided.</p>



## LEGEND

	20 FT HIGH BASEBALL BACKSTOP/SIDE FENCE		BOTTOM OF EXISTING BERM
	APPROXIMATE SPORTS FIELD LIGHT SPILLAGE LIMIT		4 FT HIGH PERIMETER FENCE
	PARKING LOT WITH 31 STALLS		SPORTS FIELD LIGHT (POLE HEIGHT)
			BLEACHER
			EXISTING PARKING AREA